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SPEAKING OF COUNSELLING...

The fourth of our current series is in the nature of a comment on an article which appeared previously. In a few paragraphs Don Derse set forth some freshmen's picture of a counselor as discovered through a few leading questions. Mike Rotberg finds it meot to heap praise upon perfection...

I was very glad to see D. Derse's article in a recent issue of the Pricked Ear (2/23) delineating the prospective Gryphons' picture of an ideal counselor. The perfect Gryphon, as you recall, is one that maintains a 3.0 average, while consistently having dates and attending athletic events. These are obviously excellent standards upon which to judge a person of quality. The only equivocal implication I could discover is whether dates should be included at athletic events, or are they in a separate social realm?

Certainly the ideal counselor will have a date at parties, dances, hayrides, dining groups, record sessions, movies, theaters, informal talks, formal discussions, exhibitions, concerts, parades, hikes, walks, beach trips, country excursions, vacation farewells, receptions, marriage ceremonies, rent collections, grocery trips, car washes, shopping extravaganzas, card games, spear fishing,wholesome young peoples' activities, doctor's appointments, visits to date bureaus, prison executions, etc.

In short, I commend the mature attitude of our future counselors, who are fully aware of that necessary social resource, the date. Dates are especially convenient commodities at a party: for dancing partners, for exchange of small talk, for mutual dropping and shoveling of names, for looking like the zenith of having-a-great-time happiness, for tapping their feet to that wild sound, and for openly displaying all those other party qualities. The implication of the date institution is definitely far-reaching.

A further virtue of our serious-thinking applicants is the distinctly American recognition of the necessarily rounded character of a good counselor. What possibly could be more intellectually broadening than appearances (en masse) at sporting events? The new Gryphons join with many current members in the mature cognizance that any sincere enjoyment of life cannot reasonably preclude the fascinating atmosphere of a perspiration-filled athletic contest. I, sirs, am speaking of the abiding virtue of enthusiastic devotion to one of life's most significant offerings. Our future Gryphons fortunately seem to possess this reverent devotion.

Finally, I note with joy the sagacity and understanding of our prospective members. They rapidly and happily have begun to discover education's true importance and ultimate value, academic grades. The main attributes, then, that our keen-witted young gentlemen find in the ideally broad-minded counselor are the following: a strong commercial interest in the social propensity of dating (I partially assume there is a concurrent interest in girls); ardent love for good old-fashioned sports (a cultural consideration); the faithful knowledge that more money comes with more average (but no extremes for fear of contracting social disease). Fellow Gryphons, I salute the maturity and wisdom of our future colleagues. M.R.

THE CRYSTAL BALL DEPT:

In order to understand the academic difficulties of students, we must have some standards by which to estimate the degree of difficulty they are in. In addition, the counselling value of relevant information for the student is often as great as our other counselling practices. The material below is intended as a start on one more way to help you in your efforts to "lead the horse to water".

The high correlation between valentines and grade average reported a couple of weeks ago suggests that the relationship between these two variables might be exploited to yield some more information of in-

terest to counselors. As you recall we had taken the average number of valentines per man per section and correlated this with the grade average for the section. Of course this average includes men who have high as well as low measured ability, men with the entire range of drive as regards academic matters--in short the numbers do not take into account all the variables which are important in valentines any more than the section averages reflect all the factors which influence one man's grade average. However, despite these considerations we might use the data we have to describe a fictional "average man", whose grade average is predicted within limits by the number of hours of valentines he received. I made a crude beginning at this by fitting a straight line through the scatter diagram for the correlation between section grades and average number of hours of valentines per man. Extrapolation of this line suggested intercept points for which there was no data. The results are shown in tabular form below.

Predicted range of grades	No. of hours of valentines
above 2.6	0
2.5 - 2.6	1
2.2 - 2.5	2
1.8 - 2.4	3
1.7 - 2.3	4
1.4 - 1.6	5
1.1 - 1.5	6
0.9 - 1.1	7
0.4 - 0.8	8 - above

Clearly the biggest errors will occur in extremes. Around the class average the correspondence agrees more closely.

Perhaps a better way to improve our predictions about how valentiners will do is to take advantage of the F-P ratios that we computed a couple of weeks ago. These ratios may be considered as "weights" which reflect different probabilities of failing or passing a course in which a valentine is received. One simple way to do this is to multiply the number of hours in the course by the F-P ratio for that course. This is done for ten freshman courses shown below.

Hours of Valentines weighted by F-P Ratios for Several Freshman Subjects

Subject	F-P	No. of Hours	Weighted Hours	Subject	F-P	No. of Hours	Weighted Hours
Math 11	1.82	3	5.47	Chem 4	0.97	4	3.88
Phys 22	1.36	4	5.44	Acctg 1	0.86	3	2.53
CE 61	1.17	3	3.51	Eng 0	0.56	3	1.63
Eng 1	1.11	3	3.31	Hist 11	0.54	3	1.61
Math 10	1.00	3	3.00	Biol 31	0.30	3	0.90

Consider the case of a student who has 7 hours of valentines. The weighted hours for Chem. 4 is 3.88, that for CE 61 is 3.51--total 7.39. In contrast, consider the case of the student with valentines in Phys 22 and Math 11--the total of the weighted hours is 10.91. The weighted total of these two is equal to or larger than the first by 3.51, enough so that perhaps valentines in several combinations of three other courses would be no more serious than valentines in math. and physics. Ideally you should be able to estimate the grades from the number of weighted hours of valentines from the values suggested in the table showing the relationship between grades and hours of valentines. However, our data is too attenuated at the ends of the grade spectrum to do this. However, I looked through some of my records for last year to see what happened to some students who received valentines. I found that weighted values of 9 hours or more usually saw the student go on scholastic probation. When you discuss your cases at the house meetings this week, try evaluating the student's difficulty with these weighted values.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Don Derse says, "Get your *!? dues in! We need money!"

Pamphleteers - For goodness' sake, if you're going to do it at all, get your information reports in before vacation.

MOOBLIES:

Allentown

Boyd:	Sun.-Thurs; Starts Fri;	Black Orchid Some Liked It Hot
Colonial:	Sun.-Tues; Starts Wed;	Some Came Running The House on Haunted Hill
Earle:	Sun.-Tues;	Never Steal Anything Small
19th St.:	Sun-Tues; Starts Wed;	My Uncle Inn of the Sixth Happiness
Rialto:	Sun.-;	The Journey

Bethlehem

Boyd:	Sun.-Thurs; Starts Wed;	Rally Round the Flag, Boys The Journey
College:	Sun-Tues; Starts Wed;	Lonely Hearts First Man Into Space
Globe:	Sun.-Wed; Starts Thurs;	The House on Haunted Hill Stalag 17 & Place in the Sun
Nile:	Sun-Tues; Starts Wed;	Never Steal Anything Small The Last Mile

[illegible] Recognition Dinner was the sight of Brother Nick LaPara's painting of the Gryphon Shield, in its new framed setting, hanging over the speaker's podium. Every organization or society has its own symbols, and we are fortunate in having three of our own (the Shield, the Key, and the Pledge Button), each one a gem of taste and design, before our second birthday. Our hope now is that the future will see these symbols becoming the hallmarks of the finest that Lehigh has to offer, both to individual Gryphons and to the freshmen we all serve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS--so pay attention, hear?

§ Executive Board meeting, Tuesday evening, 10:00 p.m., Dravo Counselors' Lounge.

§ Jim Perneski and Don Derse, chief picnic-planners for Houseparty, are looking for head chefs. Please step forward and assume your dreopy white hat.

§ T. S. Eliot's Murder in the Cathedral, this coming Sunday, 4:00 and 7:30 p.m., in Packer Chapel. Our own Brother Si Morse has the lead, Thomas A Becket.

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